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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to restoration of rights of citizenship for
2 persons convicted of a crime.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 914.8 Restoration of rights of
2 citizenship — notification.

3 1. A person convicted of a felony criminal offense who
4 has been discharged from probation under section 907.9,
5 discharged from parole or work release under section 906.15,
6 or who has been released from confinement under section 902.6
7 because the person has discharged the person's sentence, shall
8 be immediately notified by the releasing agency that the
9 citizenship rights of the person may be restored if the person
10 has paid, in full, any restitution assessed in the case causing
11 the loss of citizenship rights.

12 2. The notification provided pursuant to this section shall
13 include a brief description of the process in section 914.1
14 through 914.6 for restoration of rights of citizenship. The
15 notification may also include any applicable forms, internet
16 sites, and contact information that may assist the person in
17 achieving restoration of rights of citizenship.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill relates to the restoration of the rights of
20 citizenship for persons convicted of a crime.

21 Under the bill, a person convicted of a felony criminal
22 offense who has been discharged from probation under Code
23 section 907.9, discharged from parole or work release under
24 Code section 906.15, or who has been released from confinement
25 under Code section 902.6 because the person has discharged
26 the person's sentence, shall be immediately notified by the
27 releasing agency that the citizenship rights of the person may
28 be restored if the person has paid, in full, any restitution
29 assessed in the case causing the loss of citizenship rights.

30 The notification required by the bill shall include a brief
31 description of the restoration of the rights of citizenship
32 process. Any notification provided under the bill may
33 also include applicable forms, internet sites, and contact
34 information that may assist the person in achieving the
35 restoration of the rights of citizenship.